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Re: Petition No. 841 - Bridgeport Energy II, LLC Petition for Declaratory  
Ruling for 350MW Peaking Plant

Dear Mr. Caruso:

I am writing this letter to express the City of Bridgeport's support for the proposed Bridgeport Peaking Station, which is the subject of Petition No. 841. The City of Bridgeport shares the state and regional concerns about the significant electric generation capacity shortage projected for Southwestern Connecticut. The proposed project will provide up to 350 megawatts of fast-start peaking capacity vitally needed by the citizens of Bridgeport and the rest of Southwestern Connecticut.

The Bridgeport Peaking Station will be located on land that is a part of the Bridgeport Energy LLC combined cycle gas turbine electric generating facility. The Station will be only 250 feet east of the United Illuminating Company's Singer substation, which is currently under construction. No additional gas transmission lines and only a short underground electrical interconnect will be needed for the proposed Peaking Plant to provide much needed electricity to the region.

Representatives of Bridgeport Energy II LLC have met with me, and on a number of occasions with City of Bridgeport staff and local organizations, including the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone to describe the proposed Project and to solicit input. The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Bridgeport held a hearing on the proposed Project on January 28, 2008, and approved the Project's Coastal Area Management Zone permit, with a recommendation that the applicant update its landscaping plan to plant as many trees as practical on the site. I am confident that Bridgeport Energy II LLC will continue to cooperate with the City throughout the construction and implementation phases of this Project and that the completed Peaking Station will be of great benefit to the City of Bridgeport in the future.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill Finch*  
Bill Finch  
Mayor